

INTRODUCTION

Transportation benefits us all. We are dependent on the transportation system to access friends and family, goods and services, and information and activities. In California, transportation means much more than the roadway system. It is also transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, railways, airports, seaports and spaceports, pipelines, vehicles, and communication facilities. This complex network serves many purposes, from getting our kids to school to moving our goods to market.

Transportation influences the shape of our communities. When walking was the primary mode of transportation, our communities were very compact. As transportation evolved to horse, river, canal, and rail modes, communities expanded. The advent of automobiles and air travel allowed even greater freedom and independence and communities developed accordingly. The ongoing evolution of the transportation system will continue to influence California's communities and activities in the future.

The system of the future must provide people with safe, reliable, and affordable transportation options. People should be able to commute easily and safely by foot, bicycle, or public transit, as well as by automobile. Transportation modes must provide access for people and goods to all areas of the State, nation, and the world. The system must be interconnected, allowing travelers and goods to transfer easily between transportation facilities and modes.

Just as business makes itself less vulnerable and more responsive to market demand by having a variety of suppliers, California's mobility must rely on a variety of transportation options and strategies. This plan provides goals, policies, and strategies to achieve a balanced, safe transportation system that increases mobility and accessibility, while strongly supporting a growing economy and healthy environment, and providing equitable opportunities for all Californians.

PURPOSE OF THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The California Transportation Plan 2025 (CTP) is a policy plan designed to guide transportation investments and decisions at all levels of government and by the private sector to enhance our economy, support our communities, and safeguard our environment for the benefit of all. It is consistent with and supports the findings of the California Commission on Building for the 21st Century's report *Invest for California, Strategic Planning for California's Future Prosperity and Quality of Life*, the Speaker of the Assembly's Commission on Regionalism's report *New California Dream, Regional Solutions for 21st Century Challenges*, the Global Gateways Development Program, and the *Goods Movement Action Plan - Phase I: Foundations* developed